Special PECFA Edition from the Remediation and Redevelopment Program

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#### Legislature OKs \$2.1 Million for PECFA

On March 27, the Committee on Joint Finance approved the WDNR's request for additional PECFA funds for the remainder of FY17. The funding covered the claims already submitted to the RR Program, and will cover claims submitted between now and June 30, 2017.

All claims that were temporarily halted due to the funding shortfall have been paid.

Gov. Scott Walker has proposed increasing the PECFA funds available for claims to \$7.45M in FY18 (beginning July 1, 2017) and to \$5.4M in FY19.

## **Survey for Tracker on the Web**

Changes may be coming to the PECFA database, known as Tracker on the Web (TOTW). The internet platform on which TOTW was built years ago is outdated and there are limited resources to update the service. In order to best serve you, the RR Program is exploring ways to continue to make important claims information available. Before any changes are made, we'd like to know how users are currently putting the tool to use.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey (<u>Tracker on the Web Survey</u>) to help us better understand your needs with regard to claim information. Don't delay - <u>the survey will close at 4:30pm on May 22.</u>

A decision on potential changes to TOTW and those impacts will be shared in a future edition of the *RR Report*.

# **Submit W-9s and STAR Vendor Forms as Separate PDFs**

Claims to the PECFA program are subject to open record requests. In order to keep personally identifiable information protected, the RR Program requests that you submit your W-9 and STAR Vendor forms <u>as two individual PDFs</u> separate from your claim documents. This will allow program staff to easily delete these files and the sensitive information after verification.

Both the W-9 (<u>IRS Form W-9</u>) and the STAR Vendor form (<u>DOA-6457</u>) can be found on the RR Program's PECFA web page (<u>http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/brownfields/pecfa.html</u>) under the "Documents" tab near the top of the page.

### 180 Days and June 30, 2020: Two "Dates" to Remember

If you're a PECFA claimant or a consultant planning to seek reimbursement for costs incurred on PECFA-eligible sites, you're reminded of two very important deadlines:

- PECFA claims must be submitted to the DNR within 180 days of incurring costs (i.e., completing a task). If a claim for costs incurred is not submitted within this deadline, the costs will not be eligible for PECFA reimbursement; and
- All claims must be submitted by June 30, 2020, which is the day that the PECFA program will end in Wisconsin.

The DNR considers the date of submittal to the DNR to be the date a claim is emailed, postmarked, faxed or hand-delivered. If you plan to hand-deliver a claim, the DNR suggests getting a date stamp from the DNR staff person who receives the claim as a best management practice.

It would be most advantageous for sites in the PECFA program to have a Site Investigation and Remedial Action Options Report complete and submitted to DNR by now in order to be on track for closure by the June 30, 2020 if reimbursement is being sought.

Your DNR Project Manager can assist you with meeting that deadline.

# **Snapshot: PECFA Financials**

The RR Program will provide monthly updates in the *RR Report* on the status of PECFA claims and the overall PECFA budget. The table below provides information on the number and value of claims submitted, the number and value of claims audited and ready for payment, and the remaining available funding.

Number of claims in house	32
Value of claims in house	\$152,393
Number of claims audited and ready for payment	8
Value of claims audited and ready for payment	\$22,103
Current available PECFA funding	\$1,212,342
Total spent FY17 appropriation	\$4,462,071

#### Editor's Note

This edition of the RR Report is devoted to various topics regarding the Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA) program. The RR Program will continue to highlight the PECFA program in future editions of the RR Report.